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Anesthetics.

Of the two great discoveries of modern times which have made of surgery the life-saving producer that it has become, it is difficult to say which is the greater, anesthesia or antiseptics. Anesthesia preceded by many years antiseptics; without it antiseptics might indeed have been discovered, but its practical application, with the patient struggling with pain and the surgeon making too much haste to finish, would have been difficult, if not impossible; so if not in itself the greater, it was at least indispensable to the development of surgery.

Few persons are old enough to remember the days before anesthesia, when patients were strapped to the table, and sympathetic surgeons were in eminent danger, in their haste and trepidation, of injuring some vital part. Now everything proceeds quietly and with deliberation, and the patient knows nothing until all is over. But every rose has its thorn and the anesthesia which saves from pain is in itself not free from danger.

That there really is danger may be learned from the fact over two hundred persons died from effects of anesthesia in Great Britain in the year 1908. This is not so alarming as it seems, for there were probably a million persons put under the influence of an anesthetic during that year, yet it is enough to impress upon surgeons the necessity of great caution in administering an anesthetic, especially chloroform, which is the one chiefly used in England, and the one responsible for most of the deaths occurring there from this cause.

Nowadays in the hospitals, and quite generally in private practice in the larger cities, the giving of the anesthetic before an operation is entrusted to one who is specially trained in the act, and who does nothing else. This insures the patient's safety, and at the same time relieves the surgeon from anxiety, and enables him to give his entire attention to the operation. In small places, where the presence of an anesthetic specialist is not possible, the practice is or should be still to entrust the giving of the anesthesia to one person, and if the operation is a long or serious one, it is better to use ether rather than chloroform, for although neither is absolutely free from danger, the use of ether is attended with less risk to the heart muscle.

After some controversy about the age of various maps that have come down to us from ancient times, it has been finally determined by savants that the oldest is in the form of a mosaic in a Byzantine church at Malaba, in Palestine. It is about 1,700 years old, and purports to be a map of a part of the Holy Land.

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We hear much of the cost of war and the burden it throws upon a fighting people, but few Americans truly realize what the preparation for war costs the people of Europe. The cost of armed peace, according to Edmond Thery, the French economist, who has just figured it out to his own satisfaction, has been something more than \$30,000,000 during the last twenty-five years. The cost, of course, is divided among the greater nations, and it has supported, at the expense of the working people, about 4,000,000 men in idleness every year, and has armed them, too. These men are withdrawn from productive industries during the period of their development, while the work that they could do and the cost of their keep is shouldered upon their relatives. Such is the cost of peace while war is a possibility.

Pointed Paragraphs.

A soft snap may end in a dull thud. The fishing line will soon be the popular chord.

Fortunately for most of us, common sense isn't fashionable.

One never hears of a lawyer going to law on his own account.

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